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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Communications and Technology was called to order by the Chair.

Chair Hoytenga requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Hoytenga, Griffin, Glenn, Runestad, Sheppard, Tedder, Lower, Phelps, Hertel, Jones, Lasinski.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to approve the minutes from the October 17th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Chair Hoytenga laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5096 (Phelps) | Drains; other; fee charged to broadband companies for drain work in right-of-way; limit. |
| HB 5097 (Griffin) | Counties; boards and commissions; permit fee required for a government entity or telecommunication provider working within a county right-of-way; clarify limits, and clarify bonding and insurance requirements for telecommunication providers working within a county right-of-way. |
| HB 5098 (Hoytenga) | Public utilities; electric utilities; relocation of facilities; require certain notifications and procedures. |

Chair Hoytenga handed the gavel over to Representative Glenn at 10:37 a.m.

Chair Hoytenga, Representative Griffin, and Representative Phelps testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Hoytenga took the gavel back at 11:04 a.m.

Ted Bolema, representing the Free State Foundation, and Jarrett Skorup, representing the Mackinaw Center testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Dennis Kolar, representing the Oakland County Road Commission, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

John Daly and Ron DeClark, representing the Genesee County Road Commission, testified in opposition of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Kevin Schoen, representing ACD, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted cards, but due to time constraints were unable to speak:

Phil Browne and Nick Lerre, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, with a neutral position with amendment on HB 5098.

John Liskey, representing the Michigan Internet and Telecommunications Alliance, in support of the bills.

Bob Stewart, representing Frontier Communications, in support of HB 5096 and HB 5097, and with a neutral position with amendment on HB 5098.

Scott Stevenson, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, in support of the.

Tom Frazier, Representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition to HB 5098.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan in opposition to the bills.

Roy Townsend, representing the Washtenaw County Road Commission, in opposition to the bills.

Ben Fineman, representing the Michigan Broadband Cooperation, in opposition to the bills.

John Lamacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in opposition to the bills.

Brian Jonckheere, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners, in opposition to HB 5096 and HB 5098.

Amy Gumbrecht, representing Wayne County, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5096 and HB 5097 but did not wish to speak.

Mike Watza, representing PROTEC, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5098 but did not wish to speak.

Chris Jones, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card in opposition to the bills but did not wish to speak.

Donald Komenjan, representing Holland Charter Township, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5098 but did not wish to speak.

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, submitted a card in support of the bills but did not wish to speak.

Jordyn Sellek, representing the Conference of Western Wayne, submitted a card in opposition to the bills but did not wish to speak.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5096 and HB 5097 but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Representative Michele Hoytenga, Chair_____

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